

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please delete the current Abstract and replace it with the following:**

A recording head has a dot formation element array including a plurality of dot formation elements arranged in a first direction. A platen is operable to hold a recording medium in a position opposite to the recording head. The platen has a hole formed in a substantially center area in the first direction of the platen. The hole guides ink that has been discarded outside at least one of a leading end and a trailing end of the recording medium when data are recorded on the recording medium without leaving a margin on at least one of the leading end and the trailing end of the recording medium. The hole has a size in the first direction which is less than an entire portion of the dot formation element array.